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In re U.S. Patent Application of)

TAKAMOTO et al.)

Application Number: 10/031,381)

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For: A METHOD AND STORAGE SYSTEM THAT ENABLE)
SHARING FILES AMONG MULTIPLE SERVERS)

Attorney Docket: NITT.0054)

Art Unit 2161

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COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	11	11	XXX (Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	3	3	XXX (Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				x ½	
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In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[] Response to Office Action
(with Claim Amendments)

[] Substitute Specification

[x] Preliminary Amendment

[] Information Disclosure Statement

[] Petition for Extension of Time

[] Terminal Disclaimer

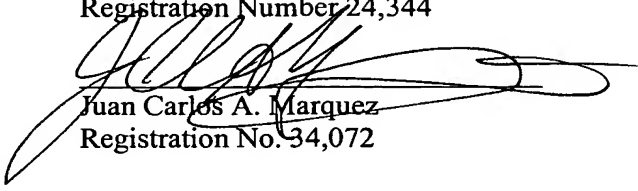
[x] Letter to Draftsperson w/33 sheets of
replacement drawings

[x] Request for Continued Examination

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- [x] A check in the amount of **\$790.00** to cover the RCE fee is enclosed.
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LETTER TO DRAFTSMAN

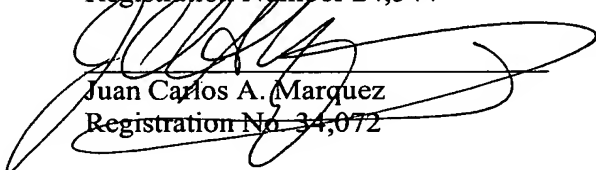
Sir:

Replacement sheets of drawings for amended Figures 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 30, 33, 34, 37, 38 and 39 have been submitted with the concurrently submitted Letter to the Office Draftsperson. Specifically, in Figures 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 30, 33, 37, 38, and 39 the spelling of "partition" has been corrected. Also, in Figures 16, 18 and 33 the spelling of "acquisition" has been corrected. In Figure 19, the spelling of "default" has been corrected. In Figure 22, the spelling of "conversion" has been corrected. In Figure 25 the spelling of "name" has been corrected. In Figure 26, the spelling of "system" and "disk" has been corrected, and. In Figure 34, the spelling of "coherency" has been corrected. In Figure 37, "marzzge" has been corrected to "merge", one of the numerals "3704" has been corrected to "3705", and the numeral "3705" has been corrected to "3706". In Figure 38, the spelling of "split" has been

corrected. In Figure 39, the numeral "3701" has been corrected to "3706". Entry of the drawing corrections to Figures 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 30, 33, 34, 37, 38 and 39 is respectfully requested.

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